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title of "Smoking and Drinking." Mr. Parton furnishes a preface to this new edition.

HENRY HOLT & CO. will publish shortly the final volume of Taine's "History of the French Revolution." The translation has been made by Mr. John Durand, who is well known for his translation of former works by M. Taine. Mr. Durand is now revising the proof sheets.

SCRIBNER & WELFORD have just received the new edition of Lord Hervey's "Memoirs of the Reign of George II.," a work of the greatest interest to the student of court life and manners, but which has been so long out of print and so difficult to obtain, that it is comparatively unknown to the present generation.

CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS will publish early next year "Mining Camps: A Study in American Frontier Government," by Charles Howard Shinn, a portion of which appears as No. 12 of the second series of the *Johns Hopkins University Studies*, under the title of "Land Laws of Mining Districts." The appendix contains numerous textual examples of the laws in question.

D. APPLETON & CO. publish this week, "Deldee; or, the Iron Hand," another novel by Florence Warden, the author of "The House on the Marsh," the heroine of which is a little nameless waif adopted by a rich family; a new edition, revised to date, of "Appleton's Handbook of Winter Resorts for Tourists and Invalids;" and the seventh part of Admiral Porter's novel, "Allan Dare."

HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & CO. will publish at once "A New Year's Masque, and other Poems," by Edith M. Thomas. Although this book is published on the eve of Christmas, it is specially appropriate to the season, and will be eagerly expected by those who have watched Miss Thomas's career. The mechanical features of the book render it conspicuously beautiful. The cover design is unique and singularly attractive, at a time even when bindings are specially noticeable.

SAMUEL CARSON & CO., San Francisco, issue this week a work entitled "With the Invader—Glimpses of the New Southwest," by Edwards Roberts, which deals with the picturesque features of New Mexico, Arizona, and Northern Old Mexico, and gives a description of California's most popular resort, Santa Barbara. The work is fully illustrated by a series of original engravings by Lelia C. Chamberlain, made from sketches by J. Harrison Wright, Mary E. Ingallsbe, Peter Moran, Henry R. Poore, and Edmond H. Garrett. They have also just ready a novel entitled "The Squatter and the Don," by C. Loyal. The scene of the story is laid in the southern part of California, and the characters are drawn from the various classes that there meet, sometimes in conflict. The native California Don on his inherited domain encounters the trials and vicissitudes incident to unsettled titles through defective land laws, while the Squatter, in misguided reliance on the laws of Congress, does, and suffers, injustice. The scene shifts across the continent, by way of San Francisco, and a glimpse is given of society in New York and Washington as seen through California spectacles. Incidentally the sufferings of Southern California from the non-construction of the Texas Pacific Railroad, and the causes that prevented it are touched upon.

## WEEKLY RECORD OF NEW PUBLICATIONS.\*

The abbreviations are usually self-explanatory. A colon after initial designates the most usual given name: A: Augustus; B: Benjamin; C: Charles; D: David; E: Edward; F: Frederic; G: George; H: Henry; I: Isaac; J: John; L: Louis; N: Nicholas; P: Peter; R: Richard; S: Samuel; T: Thomas; W: William. Sizes are designated as follows: F. (folio: over 30 centimeters high); Q. (4to: under 30 cm.); O. (8vo: 25 cm.); D. (12mo: 20 cm.); S. (16mo: 17½ cm.); T. (24mo: 15 cm.); Tt. (32mo: 12½ cm.); Fe. (48mo: 10 cm.). Sq., oblong, square, narrow books of these heights.

**About, Edmond.** *Le roi des montagnes. Nouvelle édition.* N. Y., W: R. Jenkins, 1884. 298 p. D. (Romans choisis, no. 4.) pap., 60 c.

**Ackerman, W: K.** *Early Illinois railroads: a paper read before the Chicago Historical Soc., Feb. 20, 1883; notes by Hon. J: Wentworth; also an appendix with the Breese-Douglas correspondence.* Chic., Fergus Print. Co., 1884. 174 p. D. (Fergus historical ser., no. 23.) pap., \$1.

The Breese-Douglas correspondence refers to the inception and origin of the Illinois-Central Railroad and the origin of names of stations on the same road.

**Adams, C: Kendall.** *Representative British orations; with introductions and explanatory notes.* N. Y., G: P. Putnam's Sons, 1884. 3 v. 9+318; 3+308; 3+376 p. S. cl., \$3.75.

Famous oratorical efforts of Sir J: Eliot, J: Pym, Lord Chatham, Lord Mansfield, Edmund Burke, W: Pitt, C: Ja. Fox, Sir Ja. Mackintosh, Lord Erskine, G: Canning, Macaulay, Cobden, J: Bright, Beaconsfield, and Gladstone. Each preceded by a biographical sketch. The aim has been in the selection to show "the great currents of political thought that have shaped the history of Great Britain during the past two hundred and fifty years."

**Allardyce, Paul.** *Stops; or, how to punctuate: a practical hand-book for writers and students.* Phil., G: H. Buchanan & Co., 1884. 2-76 p. T. parchment pap., 35 c.

**Allardyce, Paul.** *Stops; or, how to punctuate: a practical hand-book for writers and students.* Balt., J: Murphy & Co., 1884. 2-85 p. T. pap., 50 c.

**American fish and how to catch them: a hand-book for fishing, by an old angler.** N. Y., Francis P. Harper, 1885 [1884]. 95 p. sq. D. bds., \$1.

A practical manual for amateur as well as professional anglers. Besides the descriptions of all kinds of American fish has chapters of advice about implements, localities, etc., and a list of New York retail market prices of fish.

**Antidote (An) against melancholy; compounded of choice poems, jovial songs, merry ballads, and witty parodies, most pleasant and diverting to read.** N.Y., printed for Pratt's Manufacturing Co., Christmas, 1884. 119 p. D. pap., gratis. *Édition de luxe*, limited to 125 copies, \$3.

This is one of Pratt's advertisements, on the same plan as "A paradise of dainty devices," published by them in 1882. It is a charming collection, most beautifully gotten up. The regular edition is distributed to customers.

**Baldwin, Ja.** *The book-lover: a guide to the best reading.* Chic., Jansen, McClurg & Co., 1885 [1884]. 201 p. S. cl., \$1.25.

The author of "English literature and literary criticism" is the writer of this practical little work. It opens with 14 pages of delightful quotations "in praise of books." The chapters that follow are devoted to: The choice of books; How to read; The value and use of libraries; Books for every scholar; What books shall young folks read? Hints on the formation of school libraries; Courses of reading in history; Courses of reading in geography and natural history; Philosophy and religion; Political economy and the science of government; Practical study of English literature. The courses

of reading and the schemes for practical study will be found extremely helpful.

**Ballard, Harlan H.** *Handbook of blunders; designed to prevent 1000 common blunders in writing and speaking.* Bost., Lee & Shepard, 1885 [1884]. 60 p. T. cl., 50 c.

A catalogue of "those inelegancies and inaccuracies of speech that jar our ears with daily iteration." Designed not only as a popular handbook, but also as a text-book in the schools.

**Bascom, J: D.D.** *Prohibition and common sense.* N. Y., National Temp. Soc. and Pub. House, 1885 [1884]. 22 p. D. pap., 10 c.

**Beach, Rev. D. N.** *The historical value of the first eleven chapters of Genesis; with some discussion of the new criticism; with an introduction by Edwin B. Webb, D. D.* Bost., Congregational S. S. & Pub. Soc., 1884. 20+66 p. D. cl., 75 c.

The *Congregationalist* says of this little work: "It presents some recent views of the origin of the Pentateuch, remarks upon them, and grounds of dissent from them, and then takes up the authenticity of the first eleven chapters of Genesis, citing in its support the testimony of secular historians, external testimony, internal evidence, and Christ's witness. It is the result of wide and careful study and vigorous reflection, and is the more effective for being brief."

**Boardman, H: A., D.D.** *A handful of corn: selected passages from the writings of H: A. Boardman, D. D.* N. Y., A. D. F. Randolph & Co., [1884]. 8+316 p. S. cl., \$1.25.

These brief papers relate to Confession, The scriptures, Grace, Faith, Love, The Christian life, Prejudice, Hasty judgments, Christian hospitality, Conflicts and trials, etc.

**Bunting (The) ball: a Græco-American play; being a poetical satire on New York society; il. by C. D. Weldon.** N. Y., Funk & Wagnalls, 1884. 154 p. sq. D. cl., \$1.50.

A bright and very amusing poem, containing many hits at fashionable New York society. The author's name is exciting much curiosity. Printed on rich paper, with red-line border; with very characteristic illustrations. The binding is rich and novel.

**Burdett, Ja. S., comp.** Burdett's Dutch dialect recitations and humorous readings: a new and choice collection of droll Dutch recitals in poetry and prose. N. Y., Excelsior Pub. House, [1884]. 5-160 p. S. (Burdett's ser.) pap., 25 c.

**Burns, J. J.** *The eclectic school geometry: a revision of Evans's "School geometry."* N. Y. & Cin., Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., [1884]. 155 p. il. D. cl. net, 60 c.

**Byerly, W. E.** *Syllabus of a course on modern methods in analytic geometry.* Bost., Ginn, Heath & Co., 1884. 8 p. D. pap., 10 c.

**Carey, T. J., ed.** Brudder Gardner's stump speeches and comic lectures: containing some of the best hits of the leading negro delineators of the present day. N. Y., Excelsior Pub. House, [1884]. 151 p. S. pap., 25 c.

**Carey, T. J., comp.** Excelsior recitations and

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readings, no. 3; selection of humorous, patriotic, eloquent, dramatic, sentimental, pathetic, and dialect pieces in prose and poetry, designed and arranged for public and parlor recitation and reading. N. Y., Excelsior Pub. House, [1884]. 173 p. S. pap., 25 c.

**Catholic vs. pseudo-Catholic**: a comment on the open letter addressed to Bishop F. D. Huntingdon, D.D., by the late Rev. Dr. Ewer, by Ecclesiae Filius. Phil., H. B. Garner, 1884. 98 p. D. pap. net, 35 c.

**Cervus**, G. I. White feathers: a novel. Phil., J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1885 [1884]. 313 p. D. cl., \$1.

Will Gaston was betrothed to his cousin Flora; soon after this event he was arrested for robbing the bank in which he was cashier; during the time of his imprisonment the jail was mobbed and an attempt made to lynch one of the prisoners. Flora, thinking her lover showed great cowardice in not helping to rescue the man, tore the white feathers from her hat and presented them to him. The plot and incidents of the story are decidedly sensational. The book is bound in cloth, with a representative design of the white feathers in silver.

**Cicero**, Marcus Tullius. De amicitia (on friendship); [also] Scipio's dream; tr., with an introduction and notes, by Andrew P. Peabody. Bost., Little, Brown & Co., 1884. 19+91 p. D. cl., 75 c.

**Cleveland**, Mrs. E. H. J. No sect in heaven: [a poem.] Library ed. Phil., G. H. Buchanan & Co., 1884. 21 p. sq. T. pap., 20 c.

**Complete (The) debater**: containing debates, outlines of debates, and questions for discussion. N. Y., Excelsior Pub. House, [1884]. 9-192 p. S. bds., 50 c.

\***Dawbarn**, R. H. M. An aid to materia medica. N. Y., J. H. Vail & Co., 1884. 86 p. O. cl., 75 c.

**Dunbar**, M. C. Dunbar's complete hand-book of etiquette: clear and concise directions for correct manners, conversation, letters of introduction, dinner parties, visiting, travelling, dancing, dress, table talk, bridal etiquette, etc. N. Y., Excelsior Pub. House, [1884]. 2+186 p. S. bds., 50 c.

**Early England**, from the earliest times to the accession of Henry II. Bost., Boston School Supply Co., [1884]. 3-128 p. il. and maps, S. (Philips historical reader, no. 2.) cl., 35 c. See note under "Stories from English history."

\***Ebstein**, W., M.D. Corpulence and its treatment on physiological principles; from the 6th German ed., by A. H. Keane. N. Y., B. Westermann & Co., 1884. 80 c.

**Farnum**. Supplement to the catalogue of the library of the late Alex. Farnum, of Providence, R. I., containing prices of sale. N. Y., Bookmart Pub. Co., 1884. 8 p. O. pap., 75 c.

**French**, Nathaniel S. Experiment blanks for a short course in elementary chemistry. Bost., Harris & Rogers, 1884. No paging, narrow O. bds., 35 c.

**Furness**, W. H., D.D. The story of the resurrection of Christ told once more; with remarks upon the character of Christ and the historical claims of the four gospels. Phil., J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1885 [1884]. 151 p. D. cl., \$1.

Dr. Furness says that more than fifty years ago it came to him in reading the accounts of the resurrection, "that what the guard at the sepulchre mistook for a figure alighting from heaven, and the women believed to be an

angel, was no other than Jesus Himself." This interpretation of the scriptures he has told many times, and now relates it again, not only because the subject possesses an inexhaustible attraction for him, but because he is able to throw new light upon it.

**Gallenga**, Antonio, ["L. Mariotti" pseud.] Episodes of my second life: American and English experiences. Phil., J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1885 [1884]. 10+466 p. D. cl., \$1.50.

Mr. Gallenga dates the beginning of his second life from his twenty-fifth year, when he came to New York. Previous to this he had been an exile and wanderer on the continent, having taken part in the Italian revolutionary movement of 1831 under the assumed name of Luigi Mariotti, which name he continued to retain till late in his career. He was born in Parma, and in middle life returned to Italy to take part in the Piedmontese Government and to act as correspondent of *The London Times*. His book is full of reminiscences of the literary men and women of this country and England, that his profession of teacher brought him into contact with.

**Giesy**, S. H., D.D. The I ams of Christ: a contribution to Christological thought. N. Y., A. D. F. Randolph & Co., [1884]. 5+362 p. D. cl., \$1.25.

Fourteen sermons, by the pastor of Christ Church, Norwich, Conn.

**Hall**, Newman, D.D. Lead us not into temptation: an address delivered at Chickering Hall, N. Y., Oct. 5, 1884. N. Y., The National Temp. Soc. & Pub. House, [1884]. 23 p. S. pap., 10 c.

**Harlow**, W. S. Duties of sheriffs and constables as defined by the laws and interpreted by the Supreme Ct. of California; with practical forms for official use, and the fee bills of each of the counties of the state. San Francisco, Sumner Whitney & Co., 1884. 550 p. O. shp., \$5.

**Hawthorne**, Julian. Prince Saroni's wife; [also] The pearl-shell necklace. N. Y., Funk & Wagnalls, 1884. 117 p. D. (Standard lib., no. 24.) cl., 75 c.; pap., 15 c.

Two stories that well illustrate Mr. Hawthorne's peculiar power. Each is of a tragical cast, and the latter especially has at times a dramatic intensity that becomes almost painful. One is of Italian life, the other of American.

**Hill**, Rev. G. The Universalist register; giving statistics of the Universalist Church, and other denominational information, etc., for 1885. Bost., Universalist Pub. House, 1885 [1884]. 96 p. S. pap., 25 c.

**How to draw and paint**. New issue. N. Y., Excelsior Pub. House, [1884]. 3-155 p. D. bds., 50 c.

**Ingersoll**, Rob. G. Ingersoll catechised: his answers to a number of vital questions propounded by the editor of *The San Franciscan*. Wash., D.C., C. P. Farrell, 1884. 11 p. D. (The agnostic ser., no. 1.) pap., 5 c.

**James**. Supplement to the catalogue of the library of Col. E. C. James, of Ogdensburg, N. Y., sold Oct. 27, 28, and 29. N. Y., Bookmart Pub. Co., 1884. 4 p. O. pap., 50 c.

**Jeanrenaud**, Edelbert, comp. Choice selections of French dialogues and poetry, for recitation; with notes on the art of declamation. N. Y., W. R. Jenkins, 1885 [1884]. 3-184 p. D. cl., \$1.

Compiled by a well-known French teacher in this city. It is intended for the use of children, and has been carefully selected with a view to its use in schools, alike for reading and for recitation at school exhibitions. It contains over fifty different selections from the best French writers.

**Johnson**, J. Rudimentary society among boys. Balt., Johns Hopkins Univ., 1884. 56 p. O.

(Johns Hopkins University studies, 2d ser., no. 11.) pap., 50 c.

Interesting monograph upon the customs in vogue among the boys of the McDonough School, near Baltimore.

**Ker, D:** The lost city; or, the boy explorers in Central Asia. N. Y., Harper, 1885 [1884]. 3-173 p. il. S. cl., \$1.

Describing the strange cities and mountain districts of Afghanistan during the terrible day's preceding the late war between that country and England. Appropriately bound, with illustrations representing Turcomans, Tartars, Afghans, and Russians, their different modes of warfare, and the garbs peculiar to them.

**Leffingwell, C. W., and Seymour, Arthur:** The living church annual: an almanac and calendar for 1885. Chic., S. A. Maxwell & Co., [1884]. 3-290 p. D. pap., 25 c.

**Leonard, C. H.:** *M.D.* Manual of bandaging, adapted for self-instruction. 2d ed., rev. and enl. Detroit, Illustrated Medical Journal Co., 1884. 159 p. il. O. cl., \$1.50.

**Little Arthur's history of France, from the earliest times to the fall of the Second Empire, on the plan of "Little Arthur's England."** N. Y., T. Y. Crowell & Co., [1884]. 12+295 p. D. cl., \$1.25.

Owing to the popularity of "Little Arthur's history of England," the publisher has issued a similar "History of France." Although the present volume is of a more advanced style and language, it has the same object as its predecessor, giving the most interesting events of French history in a manner which will prove attractive to children. The book is fully illustrated, and similarly bound to "Little Arthur's history of England."

**Massey, S.** Verses for Christmas; with il. by C. C. Schenck. Phil., J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1885 [1884]. 14 p. obl. T. parchment pap., 75 c.

Pretty ribbon-tied leaflets; printed on one side only of thick tinted paper, and gracefully illustrated.

**Masters, Maxwell T., M.D.** Plant life on the farm. N. Y., Orange Judd Co., 1885 [1884]. 2-132 p. D. cl., \$1.

Aims "to supply a sketch, necessarily in faintest outline, of the physiology or life-history of plants; of the way in which they are affected by the circumstances under which they exist, and of the manner they in their turn react upon other living beings and upon natural forces." Structural botany is only incidentally treated. The classification of plants is passed over without notice, as not coming within the scope of this hand-book.

**McMinn, Rev. Edwin, ed.** The pocket manual, no. 3: a compend of the choicest gleanings for the practical and the curious; a vest-pocket companion for busy people. Phil., W. H. Thompson, [1884]. 252 p. T. cl., 50 c.; mor., \$1; rus., \$2; pocket-book style, leath., \$1; or mor., \$1.50.

Contains, in compact form, information for the household; maxims and practical advice for youths; bits of information about almost everything in history, biography, astronomy, politics, religion, etc., etc.

**McQuade, Ja.** The cruise of the Montauk to Bermuda, the West Indies, and Florida. N. Y., T. R. Knox & Co., 1885 [1884]. 14+441 p. il. O. cl., \$3.

A bright, gossipy narrative of the voyage of a noted yacht of the New York Club, owned by the late Rear-Commodore Samuel R. Platt. Printed on fine tinted paper, with gilt edges. Contains 32 full-page illustrations and several pieces of music.

**Maurice.** Supplement to the catalogue of the library of Hon. Ja. Maurice, of Maspeth, L. I., sold Nov. 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14. N. Y., Bookmart Pub. Co., 1884. 12 p. O. pap., 50 c.

\***Michigan.** Powers' Supreme Court practice of Michigan, adapted to any state where the common law practice prevails in courts of error and appeals; with forms, by O. W. Powers. Detroit, Richmond, Backus & Co., 1884. 42+436 p. O. shp., \$5.

**Middle England**, from the accession of Henry II. to the death of Elizabeth. Bost., Boston School Supply Co., [1884]. 3-255 p. il. and maps, S. (Philip's historical reader, no. 3.) cl., 52 c.

See note under "Stories from English history."

**Modern England**, from the accession of James I. to the present time. Bost., Boston School Supply Co., [1884]. 3-269 p. il. and maps, S. (Philip's historical reader, no. 4.) cl., 52 c.

See note under "Stories from English history."

**Morse, J. T., Jr.** John Adams. Bost., Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1885 [1884]. 5+337 p. S. (American statesmen.) cl., \$1.25.

"It is brilliantly written, and shows a most thorough acquaintance with the period and the events of which it treats, but its opinions are more often arbitrary than the outcome of any conceivable logical analysis. The character of Adams, however, is made to stand out with great clearness from the background, and we obtain a distinct and an interesting picture of the man, while the vigorous and attractive style of the author holds the reader, and carries him along without any sense of weariness, and with an attention fully absorbed in the spirited narrative."—*Boston Gazette*.

**Ober, F. A.** Mexican resources: a guide to and through Mexico. Bost., Estes & Lauriat, 1884. 4+38 p. il. and map, pap., 50 c.

The material herein contained was originally intended to be appended to the author's "Travels in Mexico," as it in a measure completes and rounds out the larger volume; but the limitations of space and the relentless veto of publishers prevented. There is no repetition. The aim of the work is to present an exact statement of Mexico's natural resources, drawn from reliable statistical works—such as the *Estadística de la República Mexicana*—collated and mainly translated by the author.

**Oliphant, Mrs. M. O. W.** Madam: a novel. N. Y., Harper, 1885 [1884]. 1+476 p. S. hf. cl., 75 c.

"Madam" is the second wife of Reginald Trevanion, an Englishman of wealth and position; he is afflicted with heart disease, and his violent temper shortens his life. There is a mystery in Madam's past which she is not able to explain; her silence and strange actions excite her husband's suspicions, and he makes a will separating her from her children. The unhappy results of this will, and the mystery which remains for a long time unsolved, are the heart of the story. The characters are well sketched, and the book altogether full of interest.

**Payn, Ja.** The talk of the town: a novel. N. Y., Harper, 1884. 48 p. Q. (Harper's Franklin sq. lib., no. 433.) pap., 20 c.

A story of the days of Sheridan and Mrs. Siddons; turns upon the forgery of what claims to be a ms. play of Shakespeare's, until that time unknown. The forgery is committed by a talented young fellow to win the girl he loves; his subsequent exposure becomes "the talk of the town" for many days.

**Post, J. J.** Supplement to Pt. 3 of "Old streets of New York." N. Y., R. D. Cook, 78 Courtland St., 1884. 4 p. O. pap., \$1.

**Rand, McNally & Co.'s pocket encyclopedia**: a hand-book of things worth knowing; containing tables, rules, practical hints, and historical sketches for farmers, mechanics, machinists, bankers, and merchants; with col. diagrams, illustrating some of the more important comparative statistics of the world. Chic., Rand, McNally & Co., 1884. 64 p. T. pap., 25 c.

**Redfield, Ja. W., M.D.** Comparative physiognomy; or, resemblances between men and animals. [New ed.] N. Y., Fowler & Wells Co., [1884]. 334 p. il. O. cl., \$2.50.

**Roth, E.** A complete index to Littell's *Living Age*. V. 1, comprising contents of the first hundred volumes. Biography [Marie Thérèse-Andrew Murray]. Phil., Edward Roth, 1135 Pine St., 1884. 65-80 p. O. pap., \$2.

**Sabin, Jos.** A dictionary of books relating to America, from its discovery to the present time. Pts. 83-84: Pennsylvania to Philadelphia. N. Y., J. Sabin's Sons, 24 Park Place, 1884. 393-582 p. O. (Bibliotheca Americana.) pap. subs., \$5.

**Sheehan, Ja.** Your plants; plain and practical directions for the treatment of tender and hardy plants in the house and in the garden. N. Y., Orange Judd Co., 1885 [1884]. 79 p. D. pap., 40 c.

**Sherley, Douglass, (pseud.)** Love perpetuated: the story of a dagger. Louisville, Ky., J. P. Morton & Co., 1884. No paging. D. pap., \$1; édition de luxe, net, \$10.

A tale of a Malay dagger of exquisite workmanship, that belonged to a Venetian duke. It is dedicated "To each dear lover forlorn who worships in vain at the shrine of the maiden princess of to-day." An oddly gotten up book; printed in capitals, on one side only of the leaf; ribbon-tied; a green seal appears on the front cover, and a design of the dagger on the back.

**Shinn, C. Howard.** Land laws of mining districts. Balt., Johns Hopkins University, 1884. 83 p. O. (Johns Hopkins University studies, 2d ser., no. 12.) pap., 50 c.

This essay forms a portion of an investigation into the entire history of mining and mining camps, ancient, mediæval, and modern, with a hope of giving the forms of social organization manifest in the early districts of the Sierras, Coast Range, and Rocky Mountains, their proper place in the story of institutional development upon American soil. Some part of the material here presented will re-appear in a volume entitled "Mining camps, a study in American frontier government," which will be published early in 1885.

**Shoemaker, Mrs. J. W., comp.** The elocutionist's annual, no. 12: comprising new and popular readings, recitations, declamations, dialogues, tableaux, etc., etc. Phil., National School of Elocution and Oratory, 1884. 3-200 p. S. pap., 35 c.; cl., 75 c. and \$1.

**Siam and Laos as seen by our American missionaries.** Phil., Presb. Bd. of Pub., [1884]. 4-552 p. il. and map, D. cl., \$1.85.

The thirty chapters of this book are each by a different writer, mostly missionaries, who have contributed the information they contain from their own experience and observation. The book deals with the various aspects of life in Siam and Laos; several historical sketches are also given of both countries.

**Sprague, Jesse D.** Rapid addition: a paper on practical methods. Bost., Ginn, Heath & Co., 1884. 2-31 p. T. pap., 10 c.

**Stearns, J. N.** The national temperance almanac and teetotaler's year-book for 1885. N. Y., National Temp. Soc. & Pub. House, [1884]. 63 p. S. pap., 10 c.

**Stories from English history.** Bost., Boston School Supply Co., [1884]. 3-128 p. maps and il. S. (Philip's historical reader, no. 1.) cl., 30 c.

This series is notably well printed and illustrated, and very attractively written. It comprises "Stories from English history," "Early England," "Middle England," and "Modern England." The four volumes together cover the whole ground of English history. The stories are for the youngest readers. Many choice descriptive poems are interwoven in the narrative.

**Stormonth, Rev. Ja.** Dictionary of the English language, pronouncing, etymological, and explanatory. In 23 pts. Pt. 18. N. Y., Harper, 1884. 953-1008 p. O. (Harper's Franklin sq. lib., no. 434.) pap., 25 c.

**Taylor, W. M., D.D.** Jesus at the well. N. Y., A. D. F. Randolph & Co., [1884]. 4-128 p. S. flex. cl., 75 c.

A discourse expounding the text contained in the fourth chapter of St. John, in which Jesus asks the woman of Samaria for a drink; treating of the living water; the place, the object, and the nature of true worship, and the sower and the reaper.

**Taylor, Ja. M.** Elements of the differential and integral calculus, with examples and applications. Bost., Ginn, Heath & Co., 1884. 14-236 p. O. cl., \$1.95.

The aim of this treatise is to present simply and concisely the fundamental problems of the calculus, their solution, and more common applications. Its axiomatic datum is that the change of a variable, when not uniform, may be conceived as becoming uniform at any value of the variable.

**Turner, E. A.** Stories for young children. Bost., Ginn, Heath & Co., 1884. 2-87 p. S. pap., 12 c.

**Venable, W. H.** Melodies of the heart; songs of freedom, and other poems. Cin., Clarke & Co., 1885 [1884]. 4-132 p. D. cl., \$1.50. Contains about fifty poems, many appearing in print for the first time, and all written since the publication of "June on the Miami."

**Wheelbarrow, (pseud.)** Signing the document, The Laokoön of labor, Chopping sand, and other essays. Chic., Radical Review Pub. Co., 1884. 2-132 p. S. pap., 25 c.

These essays all relate to questions concerning labor and capital.

**Whitman, Sarah Helen.** Edgar Poe and his critics. 2d ed. Providence, R. I., Tibbitts & Preston, 1885 [1884]. 4-69 p. por. S. cl., \$1.

Essay defending Poe; written by a personal friend.

**Whittaker's churchman's almanac:** the Protestant Episcopal almanac and parochial list for 1885. 31st year. N. Y., T. Whittaker, 1884. 245 p. S. pap., 25 c.

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The trade are invited to send "Communications" to the editor on any topic of interest to the trade, and as to which an interchange of opinion is desirable. Also, matter for "Notes and Queries" thankfully received.

*"Every man is a debtor to his profession, from which, as men do of course seek to receive countenance and profit, so ought they of duty to endeavor themselves by way of amends to be a help thereunto."*—LORD BACON.

## THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE trade, with the rest of the community, has reached the end of another year, and, in common with other lines of business, is not able to congratulate itself over as satisfactory a year as could be wished for. Business in almost all branches seems to have reached during the past year the lowest point both as to price and amount of sales, and the book-trade has not been exempt from the general depression. In fact, it is almost surprising that, considering that to many people books are a luxury simply, the trade has done so well as it has during the year past. Little has been done in the way of legislation to help matters at all; the country still lacks a general bankruptcy bill, and the trade a measure of international copyright, as a basis of reasonable business certainty in dealing in foreign books. The political agitation of the last fall has, of course, contributed its share to interfere with business, and it has, in fact, been a year in which almost all conditions of commercial non-success have come together.

The extraordinary natural prosperity of this country, however, gives it a recuperative power which is the more sure to be exerted the lower the point of depression. The book business must be peculiarly benefited by the great fact that the population and wealth of the country necessarily increase under its natural conditions, and that education spreads even beyond the proportion of the increase of population. Therefore, when the business is less and less good, there is nevertheless, as a constant tendency to mitigate the depression, a greater and greater number of people ready to become book-buyers. The outlook for the new year, despite the existing elements of depression, has many elements of encouragement, and we hope to present at the end of 1885 a much better record than 1884 has been able to show us.

We call the attention of the trade to the advertising page of the *Literary News*, printed elsewhere in this number. We believe thoroughly

that one of the best means of increasing trade is through such a publication as the *Literary News* presents, and the circular which we offer gratuitously to the trade, so far as they will undertake to distribute it, may easily be made the means of obtaining a circulation for an imprint edition of this attractive little paper without cost to the local book-seller himself, or of helping up his general business by obtaining individual subscribers who will, through the information the *News* offers them, become all the better customers for him. We trust the trade with the new year will not fail to give this plan a trial.

## THE SALE OF BOOKS.

*From the British and Colonial Stationer and Printer.*

THERE is no department of business which requires more common-sense than the publishing and sale of books. The mere act of issuing a book is very simple. The setting of the type, and stereotyping it (if more than one edition may be required), the paper, presswork, binding, and royalty to the author, constitute the first expenses. The advertising, distribution, etc., may be large or small, according as sales may warrant. That a demand may be created, even if the work supplies a want, is self-evident.

The fact is, that nowadays there are few books that can be regarded as really essential. The author presumes so, and acting on the presumption writes the book. The publisher counts on a given number of people wanting such a book, and issues an edition accordingly. It is then necessary, in order to insure the author and publisher against a loss, to convince a sufficient number of buyers that they need the book, and succeed also in inducing more than enough to purchase than will defray expenses, and this constitutes the profit of book publishing. Failing in doing this entails a loss on both the author and publisher.

It is common-sense for the publishers to create a demand which publishers may supply, and to make it the interest of booksellers to keep a stock, and interest such of their customers as may want books on the subject upon which the work treats, or the author may be known to be competent to write upon. To justify this a sufficient margin of profit must be guaranteed. The retail price ought to be definite, and the profit satisfactory. The publisher ought to have backbone enough to refuse selling to drapers and others who cut under the retail price, or even to the cut-throat booksellers, who are so foolish as to do the same. Protection to those who buy to sell again is absolutely necessary.

It is common-sense for a bookseller to decline purchasing a book which may be sold by a neighbor and rival at less than he pays for it, or at so small a profit as not to warrant a risk of laying out his money upon it. It is common-sense to lay in a stock of such books which yield a living profit, but no others, notwithstanding the pressure that may be applied by either travellers or customers.

Perhaps the best thing for publishers to do would be to make their retail prices the same as the present wholesale rates at which their books are generally sold, and from these prices to make a small discount, and then no one could afford to sell at less than retail price. They should also refuse to sell to any house not recognized as booksellers or to those who cut under

the regular price. Booksellers should deal only with such publishers as conform to this principle, and do all they can to promote the sales of books on which they can make a reasonable profit, keeping no others in stock. Live and let live ought to be the motto of the bookselling trade.

#### NEW YORK FREE CIRCULATING LIBRARY.

*From The N. Y. Tribune.*

THE fourth annual report of the trustees of the New York Free Circulating Library shows gratifying results. The institution is young and still comparatively small. The number of volumes in the main library at No. 49 Bond St. being only 10,424, but the number of readers is now 13,671, an increase of 2,170 over the number of last year, and the circulation, which was 81,233 last year has this year been 95,296. This is equivalent to over nine drawings of every book in the library, during the year; and yet in that time only three books have been lost. The library is open on Sundays from 4 to 9 p. m., and the average number of books given out on that day is 133. In the class of books drawn there is a slight improvement. The percentage of fiction and juvenile books drawn last year was 70, this year 68. The reading-room was open 352 days in the year, and the total number of readers was 30,190, the daily average being 86. The Ottendorfer Branch Library, at 135 Second Ave., the gift of the late Mrs. Ottendorfer, was received by the trustees on June 10. It has a fine building with accommodations for 15,000 volumes, a large and well-lighted reading-room, and a smaller room for students consulting books of reference. The branch library has 4,784 books in English, and 4035 in German. The only thing lacking is an adequate fund for the current expenses and growth of the library. The expenses of the year were \$7,986.35. The subscriptions amounted to \$6,646.76. The trustees invite every one who may be interested in this enterprise to visit the library and see how it is conducted and used. At the same time they appeal for gifts of money, that they may enlarge their work and extend its benefits as far as possible. The treasurer is J. Pierpont Morgan, No. 23 Wall St. The membership dues are only \$10 annually, and as the society is incorporated members incur no liability. Applications for membership may be sent to William Greenough, Secretary New York Free Circulating Library No. 49 Bond St.

THE *Magazine of Art* for January has a striking frontispiece from Romeo and Juliet, engraved from the original drawing by Frank Dicksee. A special paper is given to Mr. Dicksee's portfolio of illustrations to this play, which has just been published by this house. Madeline A. Wallace-Dunlop begins a series of practical papers on "Some Oriental Brass Work," illustrated with some excellent examples of the art she describes. Miss Cartwright treats of a famous gem, a cornelian intaglio, once the property of Nero, in her paper on the "Romance of Art." There is also, besides some other interesting matter, the first of an illustrated series on "Early Sculptured Stones in England," by G. F. Brown, and the first of another series on "Profiles from the French Renaissance," by A. Mary F. Robinson. The first profile is "Francis I., Architect and Amateur." The number closes with some very live notes on American and foreign art.

#### BUSINESS NOTES.

ASTORIA, ORE.—Newbury & Stevens, dealers in books and stationery, have sold out to Griffen & Reed.

BRADDOCK, PA.—A fire last week destroyed Sherwin's book store and other property. The loss is \$6,000, partly covered by insurance.

BRAINARD, MINN.—W. H. Hartley, bookseller and stationer, has sold out.

HARLAN, IA.—Uplegrove & Dayton, booksellers, have sold out.

HASTINGS, MINN.—William P. Stanley, bookseller, is closing up his business.

LAFAYETTE, ALA.—M. B. Carlisle & Co., dealers in books, have sold out to P. M. Rowland.

RALEIGH, N. C.—J. W. Denmark & Co., booksellers and stationers, have dissolved partnership.

#### LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

HENRY ALTEMUS (The Philadelphia Bible Warehouse) has now ready for delivery his fine red-line edition of the Oxford Bibles.

E. S. HOLMES, Grand Rapids, Mich., has published "The Dentist's Appointment Book and Daily Record," a practical blank-book for the use of dentists.

CUPPLES, UPHAM & CO. are issuing a little history of "The Independent Movement," which was occasioned by the nomination of Mr. Blaine for the Presidency. The author is R. L. Bridgman, one of the best-known newspaper reporters in Boston.

VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE for 1885 is an elegant book of 150 pages, a colored plate of flowers, and more than 1000 illustrations of the choicest flowers, plants, and vegetables, and directions for growing. It is printed also in German, and may be had for 10 cents.

JAMES R. OSGOOD & CO. will publish during the first week in January, simultaneously with its publication in England, Mr. Cross's biography of George Eliot. It was at first intended to issue it at Christmas, but the numerous corrections that have been made prevented this. The work comprises three volumes.

LEACH, SHEWELL & SANBORN, Boston, have published "The Scholar's Gem Book," an excellent collection of short and pointed extracts of literature for scholars to memorize. A bibliography of authors, their occupation or profession, birthplace, and time of birth and death, with one of their most noted writings, adds to its value.

MACMILLAN & CO.'s announcements include "The Nature of the Fine Arts," by H. Parker; "The Care of Infants: a Manual for Inexperienced Mothers," by Sophia Jex Blake, M. D.; "The Patriarchal Theory," by the late John F. MacLennan, edited by his brother; a prose translation of the "Æneid," by J. W. Makkail, and "The Scientific Obstacles to Christian Belief," by G. H. Curteis, Canon of Lichfield.

P. BLAKISTON, SON & CO., Philadelphia, announce an edition of "Practical Diseases of the Eye, Conjunctiva, Cornea, etc.," by Dr. Ferdinand Ritter Von Arlt, of the University of Vienna, translated with permission of the author by Dr. Lyman Ware, of Chicago, Surgeon to the Illinois Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary and

Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Presbyterian Hospital. The work will contain a number of illustrations.

ESTES & LAURIAT announce that on December 1 their connection with Professor R. S. Rosenthal, as publishers of his famous "Meisterschaft System" of learning the French, German, and Spanish languages, and all their responsibility or interest in the publication, ceased. The books will hereafter be published by the Meisterschaft Publishing Co., which was organized last month for this purpose, with a capital of \$100,000. The address of the new company is "Herald Building," 257 Washington St., Boston.

W. A. WILDE & CO., Boston, have now ready, for the new year, their well-known "Peloubet Series" of graded Sunday-school question books and quarterlies. "Select Notes for 1885" is a complete commentary on the international Sunday-school lessons. "The Graded Series of Question Books" comprises "Part I., Senior Grade;" "Part II., Intermediate Grade," both by Rev. F. N. Peloubet; and "Part III., Little Learners," by Mary J. Capron; also an interleaved edition of Part I. "The Graded Series of Quarterlies" comprises "The Sunday-school Quarterly," "The Intermediate Quarterly," by Rev. F. N. Peloubet; "The Children's Quarterly," by Mrs. M. G. Kennedy; also teachers' editions of each grade, and "Lesson Leaves."

THE CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND PUBLISHING SOC. have ready for the new year their popular "Graded Lesson Helps," consisting of "The Pilgrim Teacher," a new monthly magazine for pastors, superintendents, and teachers, edited by Secretaries Rev. A. E. Dunning and M. C. Hazard; "Monday Club Sermons," tenth series, being sermons to teachers and students on the lessons; "Pilgrim Quarterly," by M. C. Hazard; "Pilgrim Question Book," by the same; "The Pilgrim Quarterly" and "Pilgrim Question Book," both by Mrs. Wm. Barrows, intermediate grade; "The Little Pilgrim Lesson Paper," by Mrs. W. F. Crafts, primary grade; and "The Pilgrim Lessons Papers," senior and intermediate, corresponding to the quarterlies.

THE FOWLER & WELLS CO. have prepared a new phrenological chart—a handsome lithograph of a symbolical head. The relative location of each of the organs is shown by special designs, illustrating the function of each in the human mind. For instance, secretiveness is shown by a picture of the cunning fox attempting to visit a hen-roost by the light of the moon; combative-ness is represented by a scene in a lawyer's office, where a disagreement has led to an angry dispute. The chart also contains a printed key giving the accepted names of the different faculties. It is mounted with rings for hanging on the wall, or it may be framed, and will be appropriate for the home, office, library, or school. The head itself is about twelve inches wide, lithographed in colors on heavy plate paper, about nineteen by twenty-four inches. Price, \$1. It is also offered as a special premium for subscribers to the *Phrenological Journal* for 1885.

ON Sunday, the 21 inst., a fire broke out at 25 Park Place, New York City, occupied mainly by E. Steiger & Co. and other publishing and book-binding firms. It was a fierce battle for an hour before the flames were finally subdued, and then it was found that the second and third floors had

been burned almost through, while the fourth was more or less damaged. The flames did not burn into the first floor, but that part of the building was thoroughly deluged with water. The fire apparently originated from some unknown cause, in the store of E. Steiger & Co., on the second floor. Their stock was damaged about \$10,000. The fire then made its way to the floor above, into the place of Baird & Dillon, publishers, bookbinders, etc. Their stock was damaged to the extent of about \$5000; the stock of Machen & Smith, book dealers, who have a room immediately back of Baird & Dillon's, on the same floor, was damaged about \$1000. The office of the *Thompson Bank-Note Reporter* is also on this floor, but was not injured by either fire or water.

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